of the project, Sultanate of Oman, Government of India and banks/ financial insitutions on various issues relating to the Project.

Presently, the Urea Offtake Agreement is under discussion with the banks/ financial institutions. The financial closure of the project is likely to be achieved by December 2001. Project is targeted to be completed within 35 months of Financial Closure. The estimated cost of the Project is US $ 969 Million. So far no increase in cost is reported.

Gas Cracker Project in Assam

2774. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position regarding establishment of Gas Cracker Unit at Borborua in Assam;

(b) whether the proposed land has been acquired; and

(c) whether all other necessary conditions have been fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Assam Gas Cracker Project is being implemented by Reliance Assam Petro-chemicals Ltd. (RAPL), a joint venture of Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) and Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL). The Government of Assam have identified land for the Project at Lapetkata in Dibrugarh District, which is under acquisition. The Gas Supply Agreement between RAPL and Oil India Ltd. has been signed on October 19, 2000. However, the Gas Supply Agreement between RAPL and ONGC is under discussion.

Claim of amount for over-charging on drugs

2775. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 100 notices have been issued against the companies for over-charging for drugs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, company-wise and drug-wise;

(c) what are the names of Companies who have not paid for overcharging amount till date claimed by NPPA during the current year;

(d) what is the amount, yet to be paid till date by certain other Companies during 2000-2001, indicating the names thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against the defaulting Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (e)Action against companies who appear to have indulged in overcharging is taken under para 13 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, who has issued around 110 notices to various companies. Issuance of show-cause notice by the NPPA under para 13 of DPCO'95 is a continuous activity. As on 31st July, 2001, NPPA is taking follow-up action in 84 cases of overcharging involving 51 companies. In some cases, the companies have filed writ petitions against the notices issued by the NPPA in various High courts in the country and in some cases, courts have passed interim orders restraining the NPPA from taking further action against the petitioner companies.

Task Force on petro-chemicals

2776. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a task force on petro-chemicals called The petro-chemicals vision 2010 Advisory Group, to study various aspects of the industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Group has submitted any report so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the progress made to create a world-scale infrastructure and petro-chemical complexes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir. A Task Force has been set up to, *inter-alia*, suggest measures for enhancing competitiveness and realising growth potential of the domestic petro-chemical indusry.

(c) to (e) The Task Force is yet to submit its Report.